

pleasure of meeting the North Salem Middle School's 8th Grade Class on the steps of the U.S. House of Representatives.

This is not the first time I have met with the fine young men and women of the middle school. What makes this visit so extraordinary is that this year marks the 25th time Mr. John P. Vassak—a dedicated social studies teacher—has personally escorted his classes to our nation's capitol.

By investing his time year after year to bring his students to Washington, DC he excites their minds and instills in them a greater understanding for how our government works. He is able to show them the Capitol, the Supreme Court and the White House while he teaches the importance of the checks and balances in the three branches of our government. He is also able to point out the various monuments to our heroes who have served to protect the freedom we all enjoy.

Through his generosity of time and talents, Mr. Vassak has exemplified the pride for our nation and instills in these children the respect for our democracy it so deserves. These children will understand the foundation of our government and their rights and responsibilities in our democracy. Because of Mr. Vassak's dedication, they will forever be better citizens. Congratulations to you, Mr. Vassak.

CONGRATULATING THE BOWIE  
BLADE-NEWS ON WINNING NEWS-  
PAPER OF THE YEAR

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 1999*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Maryland's most informative and well respected newspapers, "The Bowie Blade-News." The Blade-News was recently named Newspaper of the Year for its division, by the Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Press Association. In addition, Editor John Rouse and five other members of the editorial staff were recognized for their work in various categories for a total of 14 awards.

Blade-News photographer Sharon Tazelaar received a first-place award for the division in the category of Spot News Photo, beating out photojournalists from daily newspapers such as the Washington Post and the Baltimore Sun. Other Blade-News staff receiving awards were Sports Editor Christine Krapf, and staff writers Cheryl Allison, David Emanuel and Donna Reifsnider.

Having been involved in public service in Maryland for much of my life, I have had the distinct honor of working with John Rouse and his staff of reporters and photographers. Rouse, who has held the title of Editor at the Blade-News for 27 years has worked hard to ensure that the Bowie Blade-News upholds the Capital-Gazette Newspapers philosophy which is, "Every issue of every newspaper represents a battle for excellence." Under Rouse's leadership, the Bowie Blade-News has become a vital source of information for the community.

Mr. Speaker, the Capital-Gazette Newspapers, which owns and publishes the Bowie Blade-News, has a long and rich history of informing the people of Maryland and is one of the oldest newspaper publishers in the coun-

try. The company's original newspaper, the Maryland Gazette, was first published in 1727 and many of the reports published in the Gazette were copied by Benjamin Franklin and other Colonial editors for their own newspapers. This newspaper also has the distinction of having had the first woman editor and publisher of a newspaper in the American Colonies.

The Maryland Gazette also survived strong local sympathies for the Confederacy, all the while sharply criticizing the movement to dissolve the Union. In fact, the newspaper was saved by President Abraham Lincoln when he appointed the publisher as the federal paymaster for the state of Maryland, helping the publisher to subsidize his newspaper.

Under the guidance of John Rouse, the Bowie Blade-News is upholding this tradition of seeking out the truth and providing the information to the surrounding community. It plays a vital role in the daily lives of the people who rely on it for news and information about their neighborhoods. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have such an honorable news organization in my Congressional District and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bowie Blade-News on being named the 1998 Newspaper of the Year by the Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Press Association.

AUTHORIZING AWARDING OF GOLD  
MEDAL TO ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

**HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 1999*

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute today to one of our Nation's heroes. Rosa Louise McCauley Parks has been called the Mother of the modern civil rights movement. She was born in Alabama in 1913 and grew up in a racially segregated world. Rosa was forced to endure the horrors of white hooded racists who burned crosses and terrorized blacks. She was part of a generation of black children who were denied access to a public education and denied their basic human rights as equal citizens under law. But Rosa Parks was among those who championed the cause of right over might, for the sake of black Americans and all Americans. She overcame her fears of the segregated society in which she lived and faced down the racial hatred that clouded her childhood.

December 1, 1955, marked a turning point in the life of Rosa Parks. After a hard day of work, she claimed a seat on a Montgomery city bus and then she refused to give it up to a white male. Her actions inspired the Montgomery bus boycott that led to the Supreme Court ruling overturning the laws of Alabama. This simple act of courage changed her life forever. Her decision is now remembered as the spark that lit the path of the march for civil rights. In 1955 Rosa Parks stayed in her seat and stood up to scores of unjust and racist laws. She has spent the rest of her life working and struggling for justice and equality for all.

Mrs. Parks' peaceful defiance of racial segregation made her a legend in the history of this Nation. Today, children who understand little of the real horrors of racial segregation

know the tale of Rosa Parks and how she helped to lead our nation to the end of this truly terrible chapter in our history.

Today, Mrs. Parks is a legend who reminds us that though much has been accomplished since that cold December night in Montgomery AL, nearly 44 years ago, the struggle to end racism and inequality is far from over. I salute Rosa Parks for her innumerable contributions to our Nation—she is a woman whose story will inspire generations to come. I urge passage of H.R. 563, authorizing the President of the United States to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Mrs. Rosa Parks.

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY AND OZZIE  
GOREN AND THEIR FAMILY

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 1999*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friends, Ozzie and Dorothy Goren, and their children, Jerry, Carol, and Bruce, who are all being honored this year by Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles. Every member of the Goren family gives tireless and selfless service to a wide variety of Jewish organizations and agencies. The Goren family is legendary for its generosity and commitment to human rights, civil rights and human relations.

The Gorens have not only served their community in Los Angeles, they have extended their benevolent service to many institutions in Israel as well. Since their first visit in 1962, Ozzie and Dorothy have returned 62 times. Like few other visitors, the Gorens have left their mark on Israel. If you are in Mitze Ramon, you can visit the Dorothy and Ozzie Goren Day Care Center, which serves children from infancy to 3 years old. Together with our mutual friends, Richard and Lois Gunther, the Gorens created a special park in Tel Aviv where Arab and Israeli children play together every day.

The Gorens taught their children well and the entire family is involved in philanthropic activities. Jerry Goren, (the Goren's oldest son) and his partner Julia Coley, have implemented a law and public school magnet program at Dorsey High School in southwest Los Angeles. Daughter Carol, together with her husband Rob Corn, volunteers at the Board of Hertz School, the Colorado Humane Society and the Jewish Family Service of Denver. Bruce, Dorothy and Ozzie's youngest son, met his future wife, Susie, during a leadership mission to Israel. Now a successful businessman, he is a past board member of Jewish Family Service of Santa Monica. Susie is active with the Stephen Wise Temple board, the Jewish Federal Council and is completing the Wexner Heritage Program.

Among Dorothy's notable achievements is service as past president of Jewish Family Service, as a member of the Board of the Jewish Home for the Aging, and as the first woman to chair the overall United Jewish Fund Campaign.

Ozzie has also chaired the United Jewish Fund Campaign and served as Jewish Federation President. His close work with the Southern California Human Relations Commission and the Urban League has benefited